Statement

The details of the approved plans amounts released and utilization reported by the State Governments

(Rs. in crore)

Name of State	Year	Total plan approved	Central share released	Utilization reported
Maharashtra				
	2000-01	166.00	83.10	136 77
	2001-02	184 20	92.10	168 83
	2002-03	174 86	68 94*	84 73
Uttar Pradesh				
	2000-01	247.94	123.97	187.28
	2001-02	232 09	116.0495	144.09
	2002-03	219 81	60 89*	33 72
Bihar				
	2000-01	115.17	57.585	34.90
	2001-02	108.00	54.00	Nil
	2002-03	101.38	12.00*	Nil

*Includes POLNET amounts placed at the disposal of DCPW (Rs 197 39 lakhs for Bihar, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh)

Induction of women in commando force

326. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether women are being inducted in the commando force i.e., NSG, CRPF and CISF;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this decision has been taken due to the fact that women are being used by insurgents for their activities; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that women are found to be better suited for these jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) There are two Mahila Battalions and women components in all RAF Battalions in CRPF. Women are recruited in all ranks in CISF. In NSG, women have been allowed for some kind of duties.

(c) No, Sir

(d) The performance of women in Central Police Forces is comparable with that of men in the Force.

Deaths in jails

327. SHRI RAJU PARMAR. Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) what are the total number of deaths reported in various jails in the country due to inhuman treatment and third degree methods adopted by police officials,

(b) whether National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) have urged the Government to formulate certain guidelines while dealing with prisoners in jail;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have acted on the advice of NHRC and issued directives to State Governments, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) As per the information received from the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), 1340 cases of custodial deaths including 1157 in judicial custody and 183 in police custody have been reported during the period from 1.4.2002 to 31.3.2003. There are various reasons for these deaths, which include natural deaths, deaths due to illness, inadequate medical attention and deaths due to atrocities allegedly committed while in custody

(b) and (c) The NHRC has issued instructions from time to time to State Governments for improving conditions of jails, providing medical